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By the King.

A Proclamation for the better ordering the Transportation of Clothes, and other Woollen Manufactures, into Germany, and the Low-Countreys: And to restrain the transportation of Wooll, Woollfels, Woollen-Yarn, Fullers-Earth, and Tobacco-pipe Clay.

WHereas the Kings most excellent Majesty, upon consideration had of the manifold benefits that redound to this Kingdom, by the Manufacture of Woollen Clothes, and the Transportation and venting thereof in Forraign parts, under one government and regulation, by His Proclamation dated the seventh day of December in the tenth yeer of His reign, did for advancement and increase of that Trade, declare His royall pleasure, touching the better ordering the Transportation of Clothes, and other Woollen Manufactures into Germany, and the Low-Countreys; And did thereby strictly command and inhibit all and every His Subjects of this His Realm of England, not being free of the Fellowship of Merchants Adventurers of England, That they or any of them, after the feast of the Purification of the blessed Virgin Mary then next following, should not presume to Ship, Transport, Carry, or Convey, or cause to be Shipped, Transported, Carried, or Conveyed, either from His City or Port of London, or from any other City, Town, Port, Haven, or Creek of this His Realm of England, by way of Merchandize, any white Clothes, Coloured Clothes, Clothes Dyed and Died out of the Whites, Clothes called Spanish Clothes, Bayes, Kerseys, Perpetuanaes, Stockins, or any other English Woollen commodities, unto any the Cities, Towns, or places in Germany, or the seventeen Provinces of the Netherlands, save onely and except to the Mart and Staple Towns, of the Fellowship of the said Merchants Adventurers in those parts for the time being, or to one of them, upon pain of His high displeasure, and the Censure of His Court of Star-Chamber.

And whereas His Majestie out of His speciall grace, by the same Proclamation did declare His royall pleasure, that such of His Subjects of the City of London, and of the out parts of His Kingdom, as either were meer Merchants, or were formerly exercised in the Trade of Merchandize, might be received into the said Fellowship of Merchants Adventurers, for such moderate fines as are therein expressed, if they should accept their Freedom within the time prefixed, or otherwise to pay the double of those fines: His Majesty out of His Princely care for the increase of Trade, and incouragement of the said Merchants Adventurers, hath thought fit, with the advice of His privy Councell, to declare His royall Pleasure, that His former Proclamation touching the premisses be hereafter duly observed. And to that end, His Majesty doth further straitly charge and command, That all His Subjects of this His Realm of England whom it may concern, do from henceforth yeeld all due conformity and obedience thereunto; And that they forthwith effectually settle and establish their whole Trade in Cloth, and all other Woollen Manufactures of this Kingdom, in those Mart-

Towns and places onely, in Germany and the Low-Countreys, which are and shall be appointed and frequented by the said Fellowship of Merchants Adventurers, according to the true intent and meaning of the said Proclamation; under the pains and penalties therein expressed.

And further, His Majestie taking notice, that divers of His Subjects, as well of His City of London, as of the out Ports of this Kingdom, neglecting the Grace (beyond example of former times) so freely offered them, do notwithstanding Trade under-hand into other parts of Germany, and the Low-Countreys, then the Mart-Towns of the said Fellowship of Merchants Adventurers, in contempt or neglect of His Majesties royall Command, and incurring the penalties thereof, if they should be proceeded against according to the tenor of the said Proclamation; Is notwithstanding out of His Princely clemencie to all His Subjects, graciously pleased, to give yet further time, for all such as are capable, to enter and be received into the Freedom of the said Fellowship, between this and the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next coming, upon such fines and conditions respectively, as are mentioned and directed in the said Proclamation: But in case that His Majestie shall perceive that any person or persons shall still neglect to take hold of this His Grace, and shall yet continue to Trade disorderly into the parts of Germany or the seventeen Provinces of the Netherlands, and out of the Mart and Staple Towns of the said Fellowship of Merchants Adventurers, His Majestie shall not onely have cause, for the future utterly to deny and exclude them of this Grace, but will require a strict account of such persons for their contempt or neglect of His royall Command herein; and will take such course as shall be fitting for their punishment, and for the future restraint of such disorders.

And His Majestie doth hereby require and command all Farmors of His Customs, and other officers, as well in the Port of the City of London, as in all the out Ports of this His Realm of England, to take care in their severall offices and places, that His Majesties royall pleasure herein declared be duly observed, without connivence to any that shall attempt the contrary, according to the true intent and meaning hereof, as they tender His Majesties royall pleasure, and will answer for the contrary at their uttermost perils.

And whereas His Majesty is informed of much decay in the Trade of Cloth and other Woollen Manufactures, by secret conveying (contrary to sundry good Laws and Proclamations) of Woolls, Woollfels, Woollen-Yarn, and Fullers-Earth into the parts beyond the Seas: His Majestie doth therefore hereby strictly charge and command, That no person or persons whatsoever, presume to Transport or Convey out of this Kingdom, into any the parts beyond the Seas, any Woolls, Woollfels, Woollen-Yarn, or Fullers Earth, nor any sort whatsoever of Tobacco-pipe Clay (which is now found to be of the same nature and use with Fullers-Earth) upon pain of His Majesties high displeasure, and to be proceeded against and punished with all severity, as shall be meet for contempts and offences of so high a nature.

And His Majestie doth further Will and command all the Farmors and Officers of His Customs, within His Realm of England, Dominion of Wales, and Port of Barwick, That they or any of them, do not permit or suffer, any of the said Fullers-Earth, or Tobacco-pipe Clay, to be Laden, Shipped, Water-born, or Transported from Port to Port, under any pretence or colour whatsoever; Any Licence or Toleration therein formerly granted in any wise notwithstanding.

Given at Our Court at York, the fifth day of May, in the fifteenth yeer of Our Reign. 1639.

God save the King.

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